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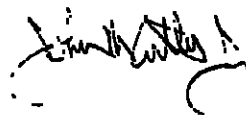
**Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.**  
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**Re:    **Appearance at Hearing in Ex Parte No. 677****  
**Common Carrier Obligation of Railroads**

**Dear Ms. Quinlan:**

**Please be advised that I will appear for Governor Schweitzer and Montana Agricultural Interests at next week's hearing on the above-referenced proceeding. Montana Attorney General Mike McGrath and MDT Director Jim Lynch regret that they are unable to attend, and have asked me to speak for them. This possibility was mentioned in our original notice of intent to participate.**

**Sincerely,**



**John M. Cutler, Jr.**